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Rasnov

1. Prior to early June 1950 a Rumanian mountain infantry battalion was stationed at an old barracks installation on the northeastern perimeter of Rasnov (R 35/X 27), on the eastern side of the road to Brasov (R 35/X 37). According to local residents, the battalion was commanded by a major.
2. The barracks installation consisted of an I-shaped building of several stories, a large stable, a building serving as an armory and garage, and several small annex buildings.
3. In addition to Rumanians, some Hungarians and ethnic Germans served with the battalion. All soldiers were tall, strong men who ranged from 18 to 20 years of age. Local residents said that most of the soldiers were anti-Communists. No Soviet military personnel was seen in the billeting area.
4. The soldiers wore brown uniforms, ski-pants, hobnailed mountain boots, and parkas and berets. The food was inadequate. Dinner and supper usually consisted of beans and barley.
5. Four AT guns of about 40 mm caliber and one horse-drawn, single-shot 75-mm mountain gun, German and Soviet submachine guns, German light machine guns and Soviet model Maxim heavy machine guns were observed with the unit when it left for field exercises. The battalion was equipped with some motor vehicles, including five or six Praga trucks and some German passenger cars.
6. In May 1950 the mountain infantry battalion from Rasnov held field exercises in the Rasnov-Brasov area, together with an artillery unit with tracked vehicles which, according to local residents, was stationed in Brasov.

Brasov

7. In July 1950 the barracks installation on the western side of Strada Lunga, about 500 meters south of the Bartholomae railroad station, was occupied to capacity by Rumanian troops whom local residents said were infantrymen.
8. Horse-drawn artillery troops were in another barracks installation on the northern side of a street which branched eastward from Strada Lunga. The junction of the two streets was about 1 km south of the Bartholomae railroad station.

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9. Mountain infantry soldiers were seen in the barracks installation near the Scherg Factory. Some guns, resembling German light infantry guns, were in the barracks yard. The soldiers wore the uniform and bore of the mountain infantry. \*
10. A military office, known as the military administration, was in the building of the Rodina motion picture theater on the western side of Strada Lunga.
11. In the summer of 1950 troops camped on Sprengberg, a hill which was about 200 meters high and located southwest of the Bartholomae railroad station. Local residents said that AA gun emplacements were on the hill, which was off limits to civilians. A similar restricted area was on a mountain, about 1,200 meters high and located south of Brasov in the extension of Strada Lunga. The mountain was called Zinne by the ethnic Germans. \*
12. No Soviet troops were observed in Brasov.
13. Local residents stated that many northbound troop trains, coming from the direction of Ploesti (R 43/44/C 04), passed through Brasov in May and June 1950.

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\*  Comment. The report confirms Brasov as a military post of mountain infantry, artillery and AAA troops.

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